Z8470 Z80® DART Dual Asynchronous Receiver/Transmitter

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Features

- Two independent full-duplex channels with separate modem controls. Modem status can be monitored.
- In x1 clock mode, data rates are 0 to 500K bits/second with a 2.5 MHz clock, or 0 to 800K bits/second with a 4.0 MHz clock.
- Receiver data registers are quadruply buffered; the transmitter is doubly buffered.
- Programmable options include 1, 1½ or 2 stop bits; even, odd or no parity; and x1, x16, x32 and x64 clock modes.
- Break generation and detection as well as parity-, overrun- and framing-error detection are available.
- Interrupt features include a programmable interrupt vector, a "status affects vector" mode for fast interrupt processing, and the standard Z-80 peripheral daisy-chain interrupt structure that provides automatic interrupt vectoring with no external logic.
- On-chip logic for ring indication and carrier-detect status.

Description

The Z-80 DART (Dual-Channel Asynchronous Receiver/Transmitter) is a dual-channel multi-function peripheral component that satisfies a wide variety of asynchronous serial data communications requirements in microcomputer systems. The Z-80 DART is used as a serial-to-parallel, parallel-to-serial converter/controller in asynchronous applications. In addition, the device also provides modem controls for both channels. In applications where modem controls are not needed, these lines can be used for general-purpose I/O.

Zilog also offers the Z-80 SIO, a more versatile device that provides synchronous (Bisync, HDLC and SDLC) as well as asynchronous operation.

The Z-80 DART is fabricated with n-channel silicon-gate depletion-load technology, and is packaged in a 40-pin plastic or ceramic DIP.

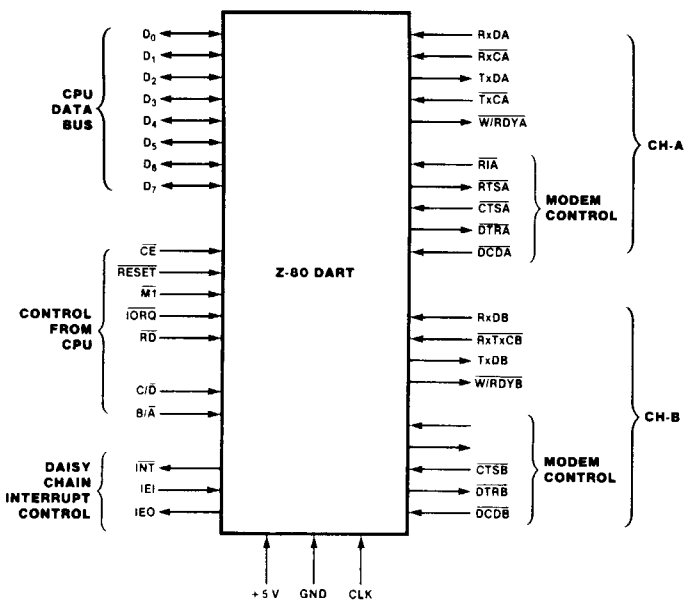

Figure 1. Z80 DART Pin Functions

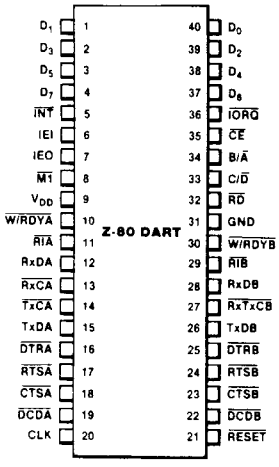

Figure 2. Pin Assignments

B/$\overline{A}$. *Channel A Or B Select* (input, High selects Channel B). This input defines which channel is accessed during a data transfer between the CPU and the Z-80 DART.

C/$\overline{D}$. *Control Or Data Select* (input, High selects Control). This input specifies the type of information (control or data) transferred on the data bus between the CPU and the Z-80 DART.

$\overline{CE}$. *Chip Enable* (input, active Low). A Low at this input enables the Z-80 DART to accept command or data input from the CPU during a write cycle, or to transmit data to the CPU during a read cycle.

CLK. *System Clock* (input). The Z-80 DART uses the standard Z-80 single-phase system clock to synchronize internal signals.

$\overline{CTSA}$, $\overline{CTSB}$. *Clear To Send* (inputs, active Low). When programmed as Auto Enables, a Low on these inputs enables the respective transmitter. If not programmed as Auto Enables, these inputs may be programmed as general-purpose inputs. Both inputs are Schmitt-trigger buffered to accommodate slow-risetime signals.

D_0-D_7. *System Data Bus* (bidirectional, 3-state) transfers data and commands between the CPU and the Z-80 DART.

$\overline{DCDA}$, $\overline{DCDB}$. *Data Carrier Detect* (inputs, active Low). These pins function as receiver enables if the Z-80 DART is programmed for Auto Enables; otherwise they may be used as general-purpose input pins. Both pins are Schmitt-trigger buffered.

$\overline{DTRA}$, $\overline{DTRB}$. *Data Terminal Ready* (outputs, active Low). These outputs follow the state programmed into the DTR bit. They can also be programmed as general-purpose outputs.

IEI. *Interrupt Enable In* (input, active High) is used with IEO to form a priority daisy chain when there is more than one interrupt-driven device. A High on this line indicates that no other device of higher priority is being serviced by a CPU interrupt service routine.

IEO. *Interrupt Enable Out* (output, active High). IEO is High only if IEI is High and the CPU is not servicing an interrupt from this Z-80 DART. Thus, this signal blocks lower priority devices from interrupting while a higher priority device is being serviced by its CPU interrupt service routine.

$\overline{INT}$. *Interrupt Request* (output, open drain, active Low). When the Z-80 DART is requesting an interrupt, it pulls $\overline{INT}$ Low.

$\overline{M1}$. *Machine Cycle One* (input from Z-80 CPU, active Low). When $\overline{M1}$ and $\overline{RD}$ are both active, the Z-80 CPU is fetching an instruction from memory; when $\overline{M1}$ is active while $\overline{IORQ}$ is active, the Z-80 DART accepts $\overline{M1}$ and $\overline{IORQ}$ as an interrupt acknowledge if the Z-80 DART is the highest priority device that has interrupted the Z-80 CPU.

$\overline{IORQ}$. *Input/Output Request* (input from CPU, active Low). $\overline{IORQ}$ is used in conjunction with B/$\overline{A}$, C/$\overline{D}$, $\overline{CE}$ and $\overline{RD}$ to transfer commands and data between the CPU and the Z-80 DART. When $\overline{CE}$, $\overline{RD}$ and $\overline{IORQ}$ are all active, the channel selected by B/$\overline{A}$ transfers data to the CPU (a read operation). When $\overline{CE}$ and $\overline{IORQ}$ are active, but $\overline{RD}$ is inactive, the channel selected by B/$\overline{A}$ is written to by the CPU with either data or control information as specified by C/$\overline{D}$.

$\overline{RxCA}$, $\overline{RxCB}$. *Receiver Clocks* (inputs). Receive data is sampled on the rising edge of $\overline{RxC}$. The Receive Clocks may be 1, 16, 32 or 64 times the data rate.

$\overline{RD}$. *Read Cycle Status.* (input from CPU, active Low). If $\overline{RD}$ is active, a memory or I/O read operation is in progress.

RxDA, RxDB. *Receive Data* (inputs, active High).

$\overline{RESET}$. *Reset* (input, active Low). Disables both receivers and transmitters, forces TxDA and TxDB marking, forces the modem controls High and disables all interrupts.

$\overline{RIA}$, $\overline{RIB}$. *Ring Indicator* (inputs, Active Low). These inputs are similar to $\overline{CTS}$ and $\overline{DCD}$. The Z-80 DART detects both logic level transitions and interrupts the CPU. When not used in switched-line applications, these inputs can be used as general-purpose inputs.

$\overline{RTSA}$, $\overline{RTSB}$. *Request to Send* (outputs, active Low). When the RTS bit is set, the $\overline{RTS}$ output goes Low. When the RTS bit is reset, the output goes High after the transmitter empties.

$\overline{TxCA}$, $\overline{TxCB}$. *Transmitter Clocks* (inputs). TxD changes on the falling edge of $\overline{TxC}$. The Transmitter Clocks may be 1, 16, 32 or 64 times the data rate; however, the clock multiplier for the transmitter and the receiver must be the same. The Transmit Clock inputs are Schmitt-trigger buffered. Both the Receiver and Transmitter Clocks may be driven by the Z-80 CTC Counter Time Circuit for programmable baud rate generation.

TxDA, TxDB. *Transmit Data* (outputs, active High).

$\overline{W/RDYA}$, $\overline{W/RDYB}$. *Wait/Ready* (outputs, open drain when programmed for Wait function, driven High and Low when programmed for Ready function). These dual-purpose outputs may be programmed as Ready lines for a DMA controller or as Wait lines that synchronize the CPU to the Z-80 DART data rate. The reset state is open drain.

Functional Description

The functional capabilities of the Z-80 DART can be described from two different points of view: as a data communications device, it transmits and receives serial data, and meets the requirements of asynchronous data communications protocols; as a Z-80 family peripheral, it interacts with the Z-80 CPU and other Z-80 peripheral circuits, and shares the data, address and control buses, as well as being a part of the Z-80 interrupt structure. As a peripheral to other microprocessors, the Z-80 DART offers valuable features such as non-vectored interrupts, polling and simple handshake capability.

The first part of the following functional description introduces Z-80 DART data communications capabilities; the second part describes the interaction between the CPU and the Z-80 DART.

The Z-80 DART offers RS-232 serial communications support by providing device signals for external modem control. In addition to dual-channel Request To Send, Clear To Send, and Data Carrier Detect ports, the Z-80 DART also features a dual channel Ring Indicator (RIA, RIB) input to facilitate local/remote or station-to-station communication capability.

Communications Capabilities. The Z-80 DART provides two independent full-duplex channels for use as an asynchronous receiver/transmitter. The following is a short description of receiver/transmitter capabilities. For more details, refer to the Asynchronous Mode section of the *Z-80 SIO Technical Manual*. The Z-80 DART offers transmission and reception of five to eight bits per character, plus optional even or odd parity. The transmitter can supply one, one and a half or two stop bits per character and can provide a break output at any time. The receiver break detection logic interrupts the CPU both at the start and end of a received break. Reception is protected from spikes by a transient spike rejection mechanism that checks the signal one-half a bit time after a Low level is detected on the Receive Data input. If the Low does not persist—as in the case of a transient—the character assembly process is not started.

Framing errors and overrun errors are detected and buffered together with the character on which they occurred. Vectored interrupts allow fast servicing of interrupting conditions using dedicated routines. Furthermore, a built-in checking process avoids interpreting a framing error as a new start bit: a framing error results in the addition of one-half a bit time to the point at which the search for the next start bit is begun.

The Z-80 DART does not require symmetric Transmit and Receive Clock signals—a feature that allows it to be used with a Z-80 CTC or any other clock source. The transmitter and receiver can handle data at a rate of 1, 1/16, 1/32 or 1/64 of the clock rate supplied to the Receive and Transmit Clock inputs. When using Channel B, the bit rates for transmit and receive operations must be the same because $\overline{RxC}$ and $\overline{TxC}$ are bonded together ($\overline{RxTxCB}$).

I/O Interface Capabilities. The Z-80 DART offers the choice of Polling, Interrupt (vectored or non-vectored) and Block Transfer modes to transfer data, status and control information to and from the CPU. The Block Transfer mode can be implemented under CPU or DMA control.

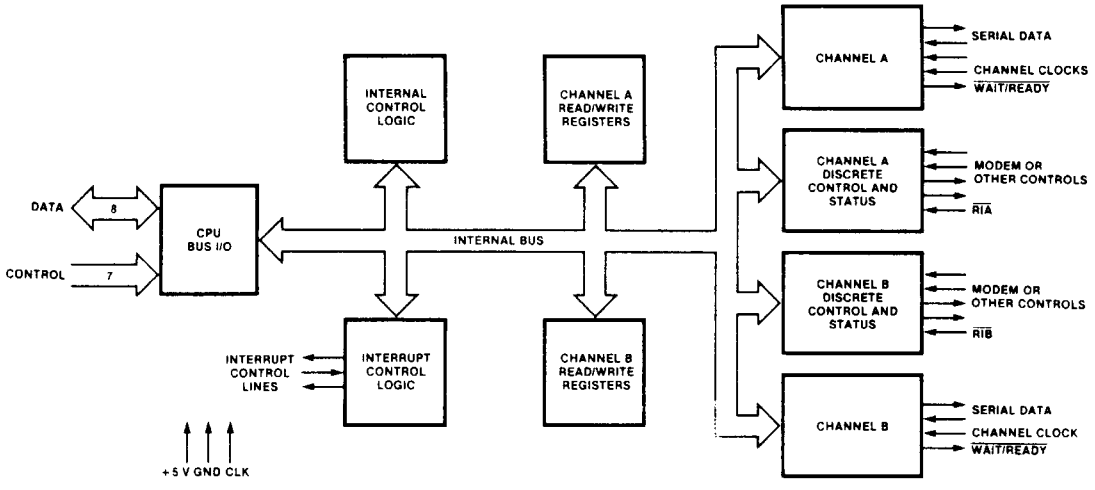

Figure 3. Block Diagram